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# The Readers Always Write

CATNIP CAPERS

Dear Editors:

We have two adorable, half-grown kittens at the Copper Cat Gift Shop (and this isn't an advertising plug because you don't even know where it is.)

Maybe this is not a new idea but it is new to me and my partner at the Copper

Cat.

Our two pets—our bossess, ready—our mascots for sure—our loves for certain—had a round bushel basket filled with long strips of clean tissue (packing stuff) in which they loved to roll, to pull around and to lovingly choke each other.

After a few days it palled. Our pets are so spoiled, so bored, so blase and so

derned cute and sweet.

So, inspiration rose to the occasion and I sprinkled a little catnip among the crinkled papers. And, brother, do they love to roll in the catnip-flavored soft papers, which rustle so softly and smell so cat-good.

Their eyes shine, they sparkle, they love it, but they stop occasionally to re-

ceive a love-pat from us.

(Signed) The Copper Cat, their sponsors

142 So. Main St. Auburn, Maine

NOTE: The above suggestion and its fulfillment highly approved by us.

by Audrey and Inez (Signed) COPY CAT (just adorable plain cat

FUZZY-WUZZY (Persian, alias HOT

TUMMY (for obvious reasons)

#### FOR PET-OWNERS

To The Editor:

As a subscriber to your magazine, I hope that you will publish this open letter. I am sure that there are others who feel the same as I do concerning the way many cat shows are handled. I am not a breeder but my wife and I enjoy a very beautiful Siamese Cat as a pet.

The first fact that one cannot help but notice is that cat shows are put on by and for breeders, exclusively. Of course, all owners of cats are encouraged to enter cats but if they do, they soon learn that they are not really taken seriously.

It was about two years ago during a cat show that our cat was placed in a judging cage and then returned to its own cage without judging, owing to some sort of mix-up which of course was as they said, unintentional. I protested and my cat was returned and given a Blue Ribbon, being the only Neuter Siamese and also having no competition, there seemed to be nothing else to do. However, it is my impression that it is not necessary for a cat to win a Blue Ribbon unless the judge thinks

the cat has enough points to do so. Since he did win a Blue Ribbon he was at this point eligible to compete for Best Neuter in the show. He was not even considered and not brought up due to the fact that he was competing against a cat (long-haired) whose breeder had been making the rounds of the cat shows for years and the cats cage was fairly dripping with ribbons even though the owner was talking of retiring the cat. Perhaps my cat could not have won, but it would have been a nice gesture to me as a cat fancier and supporter of a cat organization to at least have had my cat judged.

This year the cat was again placed in the judging box, his number was mixed and the persons in charge were about to return the cat to its own cage and I again protested. I had the feeling that the cat had little chance of being judged fairly or judged at all if they could help it. He was withdrawn from the show.

If cat breeders wish to put on shows for their own amazement, they should not open them up to the public. The public are given the idea that many local cats are competing and being judged fairly. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

Since the breeders are apparently in need of other outside interest and help, it seems to me that other cats in the show are worthy of some consideration. The public is little interested in the technical aspects of cat breeding and cannot be expected to beat the doors down getting in to pay to see such a show unless something is done to interest them.

To even a "Pet" Fancier a Blue Ribbon, a Rosette or a Cup, means quite a lot for although he doesn't make a business of following cat shows, he is just as proud of his cat as a breeder and has just as much right to win, if his cat merits the honor.

The biggest question mark of all is the attitude of breeders toward Neuters. You are advised that no matter how beautiful they may be, they are just about the lowest form of cat, and why? Breeders themselves advise that cats be neutered for more satisfactory pets unless the owner wishes to breed them.

I have some ideas on how a cat show should be put on—a show that really would interest the public. There must be other cat lovers who also have ideas. I should like to hear from them. It seems to me that a national organization for owners of cats as pets is very much needed. Personally, I never will enter a cat in a show as they are operated at the present time. My sense of fair play will not let me become a part of a show that is so obviously mismanaged.

Owners of cats as pets (not breeders) please write to me expressing your views on this subject.

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COVER

# 1953 CAT PICTURE OF THE YEAR

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The climax of the 1953 Picture of the Month and Picture of the Year Contests comes this month with the publication on our cover of the photograph chosen by our Board of Judges as the finest sub-

mitted during 1953.

This year the honor and the \$100 U.S. Bond awarded by bthe American Crabmeat Company, co-sponsors of the contest, go to Jean Elwell, 135 South Caialry Ave., Detroit 9, Mich., for her magnificant study of the almost human expression of wisdom and patience. with New Year symbolism, which she captured in her "Smokie", a Domestic Shorthair who was taken ill and died soon after the picture was made. Another kitten came to the Elwell's home only a day after Smokie left them and is doing her best to fill his place, but of course, a cat like Smokie can never be forgotten.

Mrs. Elwell is a housewife, she says, but has a number of outside projects including writing and herself illustrating with photos a very special kind of book. Then, too, she seems to have a happy penchant for prize-winning at Christmastime, last year, its having been a \$500 refrigerator. In addition, she's past president of the Detroit Council of Photography clubs, and follows that hobby assiduously—her award-winner was taken with a four-five Speed Graphic past midnight one quiet morning with catnip in one hand, a rubber mouse in the other, and cable release and flashgun hanging on somehow while Smokie sat patiently atop a card table.

Congratulations to you, Mrs. Elwell. January's winner and details on the 1954 contest are on page 10.

### ENGLISH CATS IN WARTIME

By Ethel M. Johnson

Mayfair has long been known throughout the world as a fashionable district of London. But now, as in the rest of London, there are in Mayfair great gaping spaces, ruined buildings and rubble, and homes reduced to blackened shells. While I was stationed at the American Embassy in London during World War Two I used to walk through this district each day, and often I would pass a building several times before I realized that it was only a shell with vacant windows and doorways with only steel girders left inside.

One of the surprising things about these bombed out houses was that some of them were still occupied—not by human inhabitants; but by the household cat who had returned to her home after the blitz with the homing instinct that cats the world over possess. Another surprising thing was that these cats looked plump and well cared for in spite of their desolate surroundings. At first I could not understand it. Later I learned the explanation.

There was a large grey and white cat which I always saw sitting in an empty window frame in a bomb-blasted house on South Audley Street. I used to stop and speak to her and stroke her head, attentiors which she seemed to enjoy as much as cats in the United States do. Her sleek, well-fed appearance, as she sat among the ruins of what had once been a handsome building, puzzled me until one morning I happened to notice on the girders just beneath her perch a Lewspaper spread out as a table and covered with fish bones and other tid bits appealing to feline appetites.

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On making inquiry, I found that some kind hearted ladies in London made it a regular practice to go about in the city and feed the cats that were too much attached to their former homes to leave them even after they had been hopelessly shattered by bombs or gutted by

A large black and white cat sat regularly in the doorway, or what once had been the doorway, of a bomb-shattered mansion on Park Lane. And a third cat, this one a big yellow fellow, dwelt in another bombed out house on Curzon Street. Apparently he had belonged to the servants and knew his station. For he sat on a girder just below the street level; whereas the cats on Park Lane and South Audley Street proclaimed their right to the first floor with the quality.

I struck up quite a friendship with the large yellow cat whom I nicknamed "Yellow Jacket" for his coat; and I even went so far as to share my cheese ration with him. This was after I had moved from the Park Lane Hotel to a flat on

Hereford Street. Consequently I could use my ration book myself; whereas at the hotel I had to surrender it to the management and never once saw a shell egg from it while I was there.

Now the war time cheese ration was not only slender in amount, it was poor in quality. I once heard an Englishman say that the cheese was so mean it wouldn't even mould. The large yellow cat, however, seemed to enjoy it, and would arch his back and thank me in unmistakable cat language when I reached down to give him a piece.

The English people, I found, are very fond of animals and are very kind to them. As evidence of this, all of the cats that I saw in England during my stay there appeared to be in good condition. And this was in a period of war and of shortages of everything. Yet in spite of their modest food rations, the people managed to save something to share with their own pets and to provide for the animals that had lost their homes.

On a train trip across England in the early fall of 1944, I recall sharing a compartment with two English ladies ard a small and wheezy pug dog. War time travel was officially frowned upon. "Do you really have to travel?" the posters queried you. Train trips were made as uncomfortable as possible, it seemed, to discourage all but urgent trips. The trains were unheated. There were no sleepers or dining cars; and no drinking water.

The wheezy pug was tenderly wrapped in a blanket and held in its mistress' arms. She had brought its lunch and luncheon plate with her; also a bottle of water and a saucer for the dog to drink from. As the train chugged along across the English countryside, the lady with the pug discussed with her companion the harsh regulations that prohibited dogs from being taken into air raid shelters. "I shall stay outside with my dog in the case of a raid near my home," she amounced firmly. And I felt convinced from the set of her chin that was just what she would do.

At Hereford House where I had a room in a modern flat, I met Tommy. Tommy was a large, beautiful, long haired tortoise-shell cat with big luminous golden eyes and an extremely shy disposition. He was the special pet of the men who operated the lift. The head man told me that Tommy's shyness was due to the fact that he had been shell-shocked in the blitz on London.

Tommy spent most of his time near the elevator where he would be close to his friends. It was a long time before I gained his confidence. But giving him bits of fish, rubbing his head gently and stroking him under the chin finally won the day. There were no half way measures with Tommy. Once he became convinced that I was a friend, he not only accepted me, he wanted to adopt me. When I got on the elevator to go up to the flat where I roomed, Tommy was eager to accompany me. This was embarrassing, as my landlady was one of those unfortunate individuals who are painfully allergic to cats. So I cautioned the elevator man not to let Tommy fol-

In spite of our combined efforts, Tommy sometimes succeeded in getting on the lift with me. Then he wanted to get off at my floor with me and accompany me to my door. I would try to explain the situation to him as best I could and escort him back to the elevator. And he would look up at me, sadly reproachful and perplexed. He seemed disappointed but not discouraged.

One evening he tried a different ruse. He succeeded in getting on the elevator when I did; and he also eluded the elevator man and got off at my floor when I did. This time, however, it did not appear necessary for either the elevator operator or me to pursue him; for he walked off indifferently in the opposite direction from the flat where I lived. The elevator was in the center of the building and a corridor circled around it. When I got to my door, there was Tommy looking up expectantly and ask-

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# FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

Collected by ANNE METCALF

#### KITTEN IN THE SNOW

The kitten's back arched in surprise When I opened the door and he saw the white And glittering snow. He bent to sniff The queer wet substance, then quick as light He leaped to the walk and froze stock still With a forepaw lifted away from the cold. Only an instant he stood and then Astonishment left him. Becoming bold He whirled and leaped in an elfin dance With short tail stiff and with wild green eyes. A poem of motion and feline grace, The snowflakes lifted and sprayed fan-wise To dapple with tinsel his barred gray coat. As he capered and beat at the feathery stuff Or plunged into it, his whiskers wore Snowflake spangles. Having enough Of frolic, he bolted through the kitchen door Iced paws clicking on the floor. -Luella Bender Carr

#### THE CAT AND THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

To think our cat was wandering most of the night under the glory and exceeding beauty of wavering night, raising green eves to that green streaming wonder lifted so high, walking deliberately and delicately under a burning sky. East, west, north, south, up every side of heaven pale fire streamed and through its wavering tongues the constellations like gold sparks gleamed, when out of the darkness as upon an errand the black cat came so small, so small, to walk in the cold dark center of all that flame.

—Elizabeth Coatsworth
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#### COL. TOM (RETD.)

In the firelight gently purring, Old and lean, and very tired, Dreaming of the days behind him, Sits Col. Tom (retd.).

If you listen you will hear him Telling of the mice he caught. So afraid he will forget them -At thirteen, life is short.

Once he was a mighty hunter, Much respected and admired. "Gad Sir - only doing my duty" Purrs Col. Tom (retd.)

-Margaret Watson

I have studied many philosophies and several cats; the wisdom of the cats is vastly superior.

—Hippolayte Taine

#### NIGHT SHIFT

A layer of soft angora (a sweater not too old)

A baby's cuddly blanket to keep away the cold.

We bid goodnight our purring friend making sure he's fed,

Again at 2:00 a.m. he decides he wants OUR bed.

-Pauline Graham

#### TO A KITTEN

How brief the blossoms that invite The hungry heart and yearning sight To come discover.

Under the lilac sleeps tonight The littlest bud of my delight, Its season over.

-Gladys Verville Deans

#### KITTENESQUE

My desk is mine no longer; New tenants use it now. They pay no heed to rulings, What landladys allow; Are totally indifferent To things like rent control. They're much too busy hiding In every cubbyhole! When Mama Mitty needed A quick delivery room I gave it to her gladly; She loved its roll-top gloom. I never thought to tell her Twas just a part-time loan! To dispossess her family Would take a heart of stone! And what are verse or stories Compared with kitten capers As tiny claws delight in Destroying all my papers?

-Eleanore Ireland Barker

#### PUSSY CAT HAVEN!

If I could run a little Inn,
I'd truly be delighted,
for I'd hang out a sign that read,
"Lost Pussy Cats—INVITED."

I'd feed 'em up with heavy cream, and herring with a flavor,

as fine as any pussy cat, could ever hope to savor.

I'd find each one a cozy spot, so comfy and so nice, in which to rest their weary bones, and dream of tasty mice.

After that, I'd give a ball, with music so inspired, that all the pussy cats could dance, 'till they were very tired.

And as they left I'd ask the Lord, to bless each little stray, and then I'd hang my notice out, "More vacancies—TODAY!"

-Pat McGlennon

#### KITTY KAT'S KONVULSION

She sulked and skulked then spit and bit
And rent it in wild claving fit
And scattered pieces round the room
That glimpsed in gloom its destined
doom—

You'd think it had been A-bomb hit! Thus died my manuscript, sans reading Entitled "DOGS: Their Care and Feeding".

-Milton Martin

#### CAT

"Where do you hunt? What is your kill? Where do you go When you lie so still?

"The snow falls fast, The cold is strong, What do you hear In winter's song?"

"The wind blows sand From desert places, And the sand is blunting The carved stone faces.

"Temple and tomb are Buried deep. Thebes is gone. Let me sleep."

—Carlyn Coffin
Contributed by E. M. Johnson
From The N. Y. Times

#### TO SINBAD

Oh lovely creature, mysterious friend, What are the thoughts beyond your azure

Perhaps you dream of palaces—and then Resign yourself to fate, 'mid silent sighs. Ancestral breeding 'neath the temple bells,

Seems yet to hold you in its spell, And though you share with me my humble home,

'Tis in the East, I know you really dwell.

-Geraldine McDuffie

# PATTERNS, EYE COLOR, COAT LENGTH OF THE DOMESTIC CAT

The Domestic Cat has occasionally been described as a hybrid and is sometimes referred to as such by the breeders of Show Cats. No single statement could be further from the truth. A hybrid is a cross between two purebreeding varieties; in truth, showcats are domestic cats which have been continuously bred for certain features. The housecat is the largest single variety of the species.

The domestic cat occurs in nearly all localities. The individual may be any specimen resulting from the many patterns and colors possible to the species. The patterns are:

Mackerel Pattern: this pattern may occur in the colors red, brown, or steel-gray. Possibly the rarest combination is represented by the Silver Mackerel.

Tabby Pattern: this pattern occurs commonly in brown, red and steel-gray; of the possible combinations, the Silver Tabby is probably the rarest form showing this pattern.

Siamese Pattern: the mask, ears, forelegs, hindlegs, and tail are the "points" of the animal. The colors bred in the points for show purposes are seal-brown, chocolate-brown, or blue. Any other color may become the points of the animal.

Solid Color: It is nearly impossible to achieve an animal of one solid color. The effect may be spoiled by one differently colored whisker or a few scattered hairs. However, Whites, Blues, Blacks, Creams, and Reds of apparent pure color are exhibited at every show, and the Sable Brown Burmese closely approaches the solid color definition.

Ticked Pattern: the cat may be a Smoke (white undercoat and black on the ends), Chinchilla or Abyssinian. Ticking occurs in two, three, or four bands. The Smoke is an example of two-toned hair; the Abyssinian possesses three and sometimes four bands of the single hair. It is difficult to breed any variety of cat free of bars and other markings; an evenly ticked specimen free of bars and other markings is as rare as the perfect solid color specimen.

Particolor Pattern: showcats possessing this pattern in solid colors are the Tortoiseshell and the Blue-cream; the "blaze" is an important point in show specimens. The particolor animals are not restricted to the patches of solid color; the patches may contain part of a Mackerel or Tabby Pattern. The animal would then be described as a particolor Tabby or Mackerel dependent on the pattern shown.

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These are some semantic difficulties in discussing coats and colors: the double coat of the Manx is consistently confused with the undercoat of the Abyssinian. This appears to be a contradiction of terms as the Abyssinian

This is another chapter from Mr. Mc-Crae's forthcoming book on the Domestic Cat. We hope to publish other chapters from time to time.

does not have a double coat. The undercoat referred to is the band of ticking closest to the body.

Red is a much abused term. Red, as used here, is not the orange that appears in the Tortoiseshell. Many people use the expressions "ginger" or yellow" to describe the orange.

The fancy is not concerned with the physiology of the animal; their concerns are primarily type and color. Color as it applies to the coat or the eyes; the enhancing or the diminishing of these colors according to the standard.

Color may be a result of function. A chemist's interest in the red might not be the same as a geneticist's. The former might gather a quantity of red hair, boil same in a strong alkaline solution, analyze the resulting mess, and then declare there is a deposited copper compound. So he calls the stuff Touracine and is content. This, however, is not satisfactory to the biochemist who wants to know why the copper compound is deposited in the hair. His investigations reveal that the animal's system employs this method to dispose of a poison. So he is satisfied. This entirely fanciful account gives two points of view on the red.

Color may be a result of structure. It may readily be shown that eye color is due to the structure of the eye. The argument would be involved and contain references to angles of incidence, refraction, reflection, and dispersion; a lengthy discourse concerning apertures, focus, and parabolic equatations would be included. The sum of the argument would be: there is no color in a cat's eye; the colors appear to be red, orange, yellow, green, or blue dependent on a minute change of structure that changes the angle of incidence. In a reflected light in the dark blue eyes appear red, green eyes appear blue, and yellow eyes appear green; this is particularly noticeable at night. A minute change of structure would explain the odd-eyed animals which appear.

Concerning eye color:
Siamese X Particolor Mackerel
(Blue eyes) (Yellow eyes)
Kittens—complete Mackerel (green

eyes) complete Mackerel (yellow eyes)

and:

Siamese X Silver Tabby
(Blue eyes (Green eyes)
Kittens — eyecolor ranged from

Kittens — eyecolor ranged from yellow to hazel, several had green about the pupil surrounded by a field of yellow.

No possible combination of dominant and recessive characters could explain these results; eye color appears as the result of a factor affecting the structure of the eye. Successive structural changes result in the different eye colors; blue is at one end of the scale and orange is at the other end.

It will be noted that eyecolor appears to be governed by factors that travel closely with the T-factor ( $Types\ of\ Ticking$ ). Blue eyes appear with the Saimese and the Whites; hazel or green eyes appear with the Silvers; orange or yellow eyes appear with the breeds that do not possess these restrictive factors. Then, in attempting to determine eyecolor, the restrictive factors of the parents should be considered. Eye-color, as such, is not determined by paired factors; the eye is colorless and all apparent colors are the result of a factor acting on the structure of the eye.

Linked Traits: the repeated occurrence of one trait in the company of another gives rise to the linked characteristic theory. Geneticists noticed that maleness (in humans) consistently paired with the shortened chromosome designated as Y; femaleness appeared in conjunction with a double chromosome designated as XX. This happened with such regularity that the XY combination was said to determine a male while the XX combination determined the female.

A linkage seemed to occur with the Siamese Pattern and blue eyes, but blue eyes appear is other breeds than the Siamese. Eye color is independently transmitted and appears with white or cream body colors.

The double coat and taillessness are known to appear in the Manx. The double coat, however, is not linked to taillessness as tailless cats have appeared lacking the double coat. Probably the most striking of these was the Siannese Pattern. Taillessness appears to be an aggregation of multiple factors; the preserce of variously bob-tailled cats attests this. It should not be regarded as a simple dominant or recessive.

The terms "dominant" and "recessive" were originally used in connection with a single pair of dissimilar factors. One of these traits would prevent the other from making its presence known and was known as the dominant; for reference sake the other was called the recessive. The practice was then extended



# WHO DO CATS THINK THEY ARE, ANYWAY?

There's no use fussing over the blonde hairs on my husband's coat. The homebreaker who owns them has moved right in with us. She's our new Siamese cat, and Queen, not only for a day, but for all time. Even when I was a bride, I never got the attention this cat gets. I come from a long line of cat lovers, but things seems to be getting a little out of hand now.

The Master of the house has a big red ox of a chair that he has taken over through the years, by squatter's rights. No one else in the family would think of sitting in it when he's home. And if someone is in it and hears the Master coming, the occupant gets up quickly and fans the chair seat to cool it off, so the Master won't come in with that SOMEone's-been-sitting-in-MY - c h a ir look.

But not so with Queenie the Cat. Queenie swaggers into the living room. Sits in the middle of the rug, looking the place over and sniffing delicately. Then she saunters over to the loveseat, sharpens her 'laws a few times on the upholstery, and heads straight for the Master's chair. She leaps lithely onto the seat, sitting tall and regal for a moment, enthroned there. Then she relaxes, spits on her paws and begins to wash behind her ears.

The Master comes in. Sees her in his chair. Does he throw her out? He does not. He leers. He grins foolishly, like a moon-struck boy. He practically crawls over to her. He fondles her. He talks baby talk, while she purrs and nudges him. And then if Queenie doesn't deign to move over and let him sit in the chair with her, he sits some place else. And from his uncomfortable chair, he smiles fatuously at her over the evening paper every few minutes.

As I said before, I am a cat-lover too. In fact I have helped raise sixty-five kittens in this very small apartment, and have found good Christian homes with two bathrooms (which is more than they have here) for each of them. But cats are cats, and I like other things too. Furniture, for example. Charles of London would burst a ghostly gasket if he could see the back of our sofa that bears his name. Torn to ribbons it is, by the claws of sixty-odd cats.

When I suggest to the Master that we might see if we can live without a cat for a while, and have the furniture fixed up, he looks as if I'd stabbed him in the back and says, "Oh, now, honey, don't tell me you think more of a few inanimate pieces of furniture than you do of our cats! Think how much pleas-

ure they've given us, and how many good laughs we get from them." "Yes,' I said, "and how many bites

"Yes,' I said, "and how many bites and scratches and ruined stockings and broken bric-a-brac and frazzled nerves and—"

"Now, now," the Master says, "don't be catty."

Catty! How can I help being catty! Im tired of being a scratching post for a feline! The ice-box is always burgeoning with cat tid-bits of liver and sardines. I'm always cooking horse-mulligan for her royal highness; I've even got cat-nip in my hair!

And speakig of hair—I recently said to the Master of the house, "How do you like my hair, dear?" (Having spent nearly the whole day at the hairdressers having it cut, curled and dressed, I felt like a ravishing NEW WOMAN, just exuding charm. I couldn't help thinking to myself, "Now we'll see who's Queen around here!" I saw, all right.) The Master had been stroking the cat on his lap. He raised his head, gave me a cursory glance, said, "Oh, is it different? Nice." And went back to stroking Queenie and gazing fondly at her.

It's not that I'm jealous of cats, but who do they think they are, anyway, coming in and taking over a home I've spent twenty years building up?

We have friends who are owned by two Siamese cats. Both these friends are tall and slender, and their cats have talten a very strong, unwarranted dislike to fat people. They can't tolerate them. They will not tolerate them. After all, they're descendents of a long line of ancestors who were worshipped as gods. Royalty, that is, and don't ever forget it. These two royal characters love to leap to the top of open doors, which they sometimes do when the Mistress of the house is standing at the front door talking to someone. If the someone happens to be a fat person, or even a Stylish Stout, they leap on his or her shoulders, scaring the poor, portly person nearly to death. Then while the stocky ones are shouting about injuries, shock and possible lawsuits, the cats stalk haughtily away, muttering, "Peasants!"

I've often wondered why it is that Siamese cats insist on riding on their human's shoulders. I'm no psychiatrist, but I'm inclined to think that the Siamese, feeling his royalty slipping, and having a sense of insecurity, thus rides high above the heads of others, to make him feel he is still royal, still looked up to and worshipped.

And take the way cats always pick out becoming places to recline. My mother, who is very beautiful, with snow-white hair and big brown eyes, is not a catlover. She can take them or leave them alone. But that doesn't bother cats. At a luncheon recently, at the home of a Siamese cat's family, the cat, a regal creature, graced us with his presence in the living room after lunch. He walked around the circle of guests, sniffing in his lordly way, at slippers and the hems of dresses. Cat-lovers, including me, were leaning toward him, saying ingratiatingly, "Here kitty, nice kitty, come sit on my lap." Sammy, the Cat looked at us through slitted eyes. He made me feel awkward and inept, and I had the sudden feeling that the sleeves of my new dress were too short, and that my bony wrists were hanging out. Sammy, in a sneering tone muttered, "Ah, blerc!" and walked over and stood in front of my mother who was wearing a purple dress the exact shade of the lovely pleroma blossoms. Sammy's eyes g'owed with pleasure. He leaped on her lap and settled himself down for the afternoon, knowing that his lovely brown and cafe-au-lait coat had a royal back-

Who do cats think they are, anyway, being so choosy, and posing and always getting their own way by one trick or another?

I don't know who they think they are, but just let one of them make advances to me and I'm butter in his paw.

I'm a cat-lover.



This wonderful series of Kitten Bedtime-Story pictures which are spaced throughout the issue is by Dr. Joseph R. Spies of Arlington, Va. Dr. Spies will also be remembered for our April 1953 cover. 26.

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### THE FORBUSH PREVARICATIONS By Dr. Ida M. Mellen

In a book published as long ago as 1932 and entitled Economic Mammalogy, the authors, Henderson and Craig, published a statement which they could not possibly prove, though their work was supposedly a reliable source of information and enjoyed a wide circulation. They said:

Cats have exterminated or nearly exterminated more species of birds than has any other animal except

They admitted that they based this allegation, not on personal investigation, but on the writings of Edward Howe Forbush of Massachusetts. It is well known to those familiar with the literature that Forbush was one of the most venomous cat-haters America has ever produced, and therefore one of the most untrustworthy writers on the subject of cats. Though he died in 1929, uninformed persons still repeat his fiction as genuine; but when asked what species of birds have been exterminated or nearly so by cats, they are unable to name even one. It is a well-established fact, however, that man has annihilated nearly a dozen species of birds amounting in the aggregate to countless millions of individuals.

Forbush called himself an ornithologist, but no reputable ornithologist, and no representative of the Audubon Society, has ever failed to deny his statement when questioned about it.

We shall do well to refresh our minds on this topic now that we must contend against persons calling themselves "Friends of the Birds," whose ambition is the destruction of all cats. If we inquire closely into the matter we shall find that their ignorance is based largely on the deliberate prevarication of Edward Howe Forbush.

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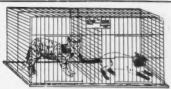
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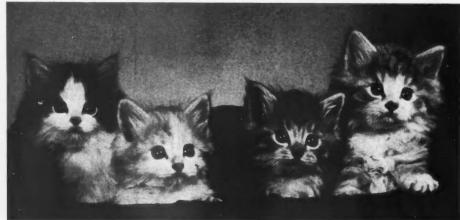
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### THE CAT THAT

(An actual occurrence told by E. Sykora, Vienna, Austria.

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Translated by Olive Vincent Marsh, Long Beach, California.)

Several years ago we lived in a small village. In villages the cottages, the gardens, and the domestic animals are usually very much alike. Even the cats. But I have always felt that our cat was a glorious example of a good cat. He was an old cat, white as snow, and always clean. He never stole anything, but always let us know his wants by a gentle "Miau". He liked to be with people, but ran away from children, not paying any attention to them.

The following incident shows that "Peter" was indeed a well behaved companion of men. He never fought with the other animals. No one ever saw him disturbing the birds or their nests. But one day, very early in the morning, Peter made me angry by coming through the window into my bedroom, jumping on the bed and waking me, tickling my face with his whiskers. "O Peter!" complained, "What are you doing? Go away! Go away!" He jumped down, went to the door, returned to the bed and growled, "Grruu-grruu!" I drove him away again toward the window, but he obstinately went across to the door. "Just see how even a dumb beast is determined to have his way!" I said to myself. But I got up and opened the door, went back to bed again and thought the affair was ended.

But it was not so. The cat reappeared and pulled the bedcovers, for he did not dare jump up on the bed again. He began again his "Grruu-grruu". Then I had to dress myself and see what was the matter. Peter watched me. He ran before me to the outside door and I opened it. The cat went into the yard, but seeing that I did not follow, immediately came back. He finally lured me out. He went to a corner of the cottage and looked up, miauing. My eyes followed his and I saw a swallow, one of whose wings was caught in the thatch of the roof. The bird had seemingly been hanging there for some time and was

I then brought a ladder, climbed up and freed the bird, holding it in my hand and caressing it. Peter kept his eyes on me and when I sat down on a bench he jumped up and sat on my knees without any attempt to catch the bird. On the other hand his eyes appeared to regard me admiringly when I let the little creature go so that it might fly away.

"Yes, Peter, it will fly away to hunt for food for its little ones," I said. Peter and I went back into the house, the cat apparently proud of his good deed, and at the same time thankful for my help. He rubbed his head against my legs and

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purred. I could not help comparing animals with men. Here was a cat, naturally the enemy of birds, who had actually saved one of them. Would the same thing have occurred among men?'

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Me, I've resolved to be very good
Which may merit a change in food,
And if I'm awfully, awfully nice
I may be allowed to chase some mice.

The truth is, even the Model Cat Likes a little of this, a little of that: My high resolves may heap reward, But, fickle me, suppose I get bored!

-As told to Elizabeth Fitch

# THE CAT

By Joan Carpenter Gallo

All grace and strength; self-sufficient and completely independent, the clown at times, and the solemn judge at others, the great hunter of the jungle, the god of Egypt and the contented house pet. This is the cat.

He will spend long solitary hours sitting and thinking of the many things cats think about. When he is outside, the world is his oyster. Every blade of grass that moves is an imaginary enemy just waiting to be pounced on. The bushes become the long grass and undergrowth of the jungle and he the King; the mice and insects the most delicious prey in the world. The trees are made to scamper up if danger comes along.

An empty box or drawer no matter how small is a secret cave where one is hidden and secure, a place to hide in and be warm.

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#### WHAT THE CAT BROUGHT IN By Florence Lyon

The world was young on the fortunate day that the cat and man first met in amity. Men lived in caves and the glorious cat creatures led a free, if dangerous life in the forest trees.

Perchance the cat was cold and was seeking warmth. The open cave inviting he walked right in, bringing himself, his savage beauty, untamable spirit, ardent curiosity, and the wildest yet softest heart that ever beat in animal body. The reception from the occupants of the cave was guarded at first, and the cat himse f was vigilantly watchful, but the event passed without casualty on either side.

The cat found the exploratory visit so interesting he came frequently after that. The relative warmth and safety of the cave afforded bodily comfort in contrast to the hazards of breeze-filled tree tops. As he commenced to study the ways and habits of the strange cave dwellers his brilliant capacity for adapting himself to every circumstance came to even greater development. Day after day he came closer to the lives and hearts of the primitive people.

He quickly discovered that human beings possessed many amiable qualities. They admired his beauty and in warm hospitality shared their food with him. They were adept at picking burrs from his sometimes matted fur and kind about removing a splinter from a sore paw. And he found that human children were adorable companions in fun and frolic.

He made the happiest discovery of all one day when he was weary and seeking rest. He chanced to jump on the lap of an aged one and found that the lap was soft, so soft. Straightway he stretched himself in warm, contented peace. To his surprise a wrinkled hand crept tentatively along his lustrous, sinuous back. In quick response he turned and kissed the hand.

That first kiss from cat to human sparked the warm glow of mutual liking and companionship which was to grow from that beginning and extend from the ages past to the present. The cat took the lead in establishing the tenor of this relationship. He, who was so lethal to all forest animals possessed a keen sagacity and a heart awaiting an opportunity to express itself warmly and spontaneously.

What did the cat bring in? He brought into those rude times the first touch of gracious living. The occupants of the cave gave him food and noticed with interest that he ate daintily and after each meal immediately proceeded to cleanse his jowl and paws. Perhaps the primitive version of the finger bowl originated largely because the cat was so insistent upon daintiness on his own behalf that the observing humans could not fail to miss the object lesson.

The cat brought in himself, a creature without benefit of speech, but with the miraculous gift of being able to say to humans in hundreds of fascinatig ways, "I love you." The first time the tiny country kitten is lifted by a person's hands from the bed of straw on which he was born, he nearly perishes from fright. With amazing speed, however, he adjusts himself to human association and very soon he is lavishing upon his admirers the ultimate in joyous response. Cavorting upon a friend's lap, twisting and turning himself in ecstatic frenzy of joy, he purrs and purrs, "I love you. I love you.

The mature cat is not so exuberant of expression as the kitten but he is infinitely wise in giving to us, his house companions, the rewards he deems due us. Although he seems to have no method in bestowing his spontaneous and fascinating favors, we may be sure that they would not be given unless his keen discrimination urged such action.

Whether the day the cat first walked in was cloudy or sunny, we know not, but we do know that if he had never come our way it would have been a dark day for mankind. Think of the millions of children deprived of the joy of hugging to their breasts those squirming, buzzing, loving bunches of fur known as kittens. Pity the invalids, enduring their pain without the solace of a warm, soft, sympathetic body pressing close to them in comforting love. Consider the empty arms of the aged and the loneliness of millions of cat lovers without a wise face and a graceful feline presence in their homes.

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I heard Bingo barking and it frightened me but he did not come in, so I soon forgot about him.

After a while, Pauline brought a friend of hers in to see me.

"My, what a beautiful kitten!" said the friend. "I have never seen one that was that color and had such a cute face."
"She is a blue Persian," answered

Pauline. "What shall we name her?" They talked about names for awhile, but I do not care what name I have.

"Let's take her out in the garden," said the friend.

"O, I am afraid that Bingo will scare her again," replied Pauline.

Finally we all went into the garden. I had never walked on grass before and it felt funny on my feet. I stepped very high and growled a little and the girls laughed.

I walked over to the little house where Bingo was tied on a chain. I was scared at first, but as I walked up towards him, he did not jump at me, so I went a little closer. He just lay there looking at me, so I went still closer. He lifted his head and sniffed at me, and I scampered away. Then I went back again as I saw that he would not hurt me. I finally went up and smelled of his nose and he just wagged his tail.

"I guess he won't hurt her after ad," said Pauline. "I am glad because I want them to be friends."

Pauline and her friend talked a while and I played with a bee and some dry leaves, and chewed a little grass.

As I was walking around the garden,

I saw a pool of water with some bright fish swimming around. There were flowers with big leaves, and the fish were swimming among them. What a lovely thing to watch! I sat at the side of the pool and looked at them for a while, but there was one fish that was especially interesting. He flipped his tail about and swam all around the flowers.

When he came to the top I put my paw in to hit him, but it felt funny and cold. I quickly drew it out and watched him for a while. But I just could not go away from that fish, so I reached in again. This time I reached further and the edge of the pool was wet. I began to slip and then, with a splash, I was down in the cold water. I was frightened, and the sides of the pool were so slippery that I could not get my claws into them to climb out. The moss in the pool was all around me, and it was slippery.

Pauline and her friend were talking and did not see me. Finally Pauline said, "I wonder where the kitten has gone to. Come, KITTY, KITTY," called Pauline. "Come, Muffin."

She ran around the garden looking for me. She did not see me and called to Tommy.

"Have you seen Muffin?" But Tommy was fixing his bicycle and he had not

Pauline's friend was looking for me too, and they looked under all the bushes.

At last Pauline heard a splasn at the pool, and she came running over there. I was paddling around just about exhausted when Pauline reached in and pulled me

"O, you poor little kitten," cried Pauline. "How did you ever fall in there?

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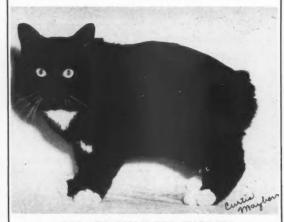
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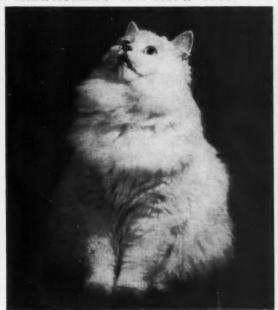
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9-10-San Diego. Callis—Sam Diego Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Helen Fairchild); Solid Color Specialty and Foreign and Domestic Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. Edith Schulte).

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6. 7—Phoenix, Ariz.—Canyon State Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Mrs. Jess Adair): Longhair and Shorthair Specialties (Mrs. June Williams).

6- 7—St. Petersburg, Fla.—Sunshine Cat Club of Florida (ACA). All Breed (Miss Doris Hobbs): Solid Color and Siamese Specialties (Mrs. Louise Fiedler).

Detroit, Mich.—Detroit Persian Society, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. John S. Hunter); Windsor Solid Color Specialty (Mrs. Carl B. Johnson).

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Part of the 'high brass' of one of the three Associations called me yesterday

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Elizabeth Contant of Manchester, Ohio, writes me of her little girls, Patricia five and Jean seven. They have at the Contant home, a litter of four small, blue Persians, five weeks old. Each night the little girls say their prayer of 'Now I lay-me-down-to-sleep'-and each night four wee, small kittens, curl up inside the knee-bend of the little girls and purr

like music-boxes. One day the Methodist minister stayed for dinner, when it came time for the little girls to go 'seepy-bye' he watched the kittens. The next Sundayday he mentioned in his sermon what he had seen and stated that Pat and Jean were looking for a home for the four babies-where the new owners would love them and help them say their prayers. Inside of five days there were thirty seven requests for the four babies -the local newspapers just across the river from Manchester, (Trinity, Ky.), gave them quite a write-up.

I have no intention of reviewing Dr. Leon Whitney's Complete Book on Cat Care (Roger Goldworthy did that for CATS in November), other than to say it is a 'Must' for every breeder, particularly the Novice breeder. The Doctor is a top Veterinarian, runs the largest clinic for pets in the East and has done a lot of research work at the Yale Medi-

cal School.

Hettie Gray Baker's book is now on the market, '195 Cat Tails.' If you can lay it down after you once start it, you

are a better man than I am!

At the Penn State Cat Club's show, held in October 29th and 30th, an incident happened that is worth repeating. Captain E. C. Mayer, Jr., came into one of the Philadelphia stations. He called his mother in Mertztown, Pa., no answer. Again he called-still no answer. A few hours later he called again. He could hear the operator ringing, but there was again no answer. By this time the Captain was a bit aggrieved, this was a h--- of a way to treat a son just back from Korea. Going over to the news stand he bought the Philadelphia Bulletin and there-on the front page-was Mom, with Typhoon and another of her cats. But Typhoon was the Captain's very own. Hastily reading the lines under the pix he hurried over to the Knights' of Columbus Hall where the Penn State Show was being held, said hello to Mom, and looked at the ribbons she had collected. I stopped by to admire the Blue Cream Golden Marchita and the Brown Tabby Typhoon, I lost my heart completely to Silver Tabby Bragabout and Mystic Silver Nuget. While I was admiring these cats, one of the officers of Penn State came up to me and asked if I wanted to meet Jessie James. I must have looked skeptical for she smiled at me and said 'Yes that is the correct name.' Thinking that I was being ribbed and maybe this was a ghostly joke-and after all it was close to Halloween-I agreed to meet Jessie James. Now who do you think Jessie James was, none other than the mother of Captain E. C. Mayer, late of Korea. Her complete name being Jessie James

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# C & S Reporter

Double One-Day Shows in Minneapolis An innovation in the Cat Fancy is being scheduled for March 6th and 7th when two All Breed and two Specialty Shows will be held by two different Associations in the same building on successive days. On March 6th the Minneapolis Persian Cat Club (ACA) will hold an All Breed Show and a Longhair Specialty with Mrs. E. F. Hamaker as All Breed Judge, and Mrs. Jess Adair as Specialty Judge. On the following day in the same place the CFF affiliated Land O'Lakes Cat Club will have Mrs. Adair judging their All Breed Show and Mrs. Hamaker their Shorthair Specialty Judge. Mrs. Margaret Curtis who is Show Secretary for both clubs stresses that this is not a "combined show"-it is two separate shows arranged by separate clubs but scheduled on adjacent days.

Exhibitors who would like more information and members of distant clubs who may be interested in the workings of this dual show idea are invited to write to Mrs. Curtis at Wayzata, Minnesota,

Boston 1954 Show Set for November To exhibitors who have been looking for the usual Boston Cat Club show which has been held in January for so many years, the club announces that they have decided that future shows will be in November of each year.

Members and friends are looking forward to the first fall show which is definitely scheduled for November 1954. Long Island Cat Breeders' Club Elects

New officers were elected at the L.I. C.B.C. meeting held July 11, 1953 as fol-

President, Mrs. Christine Hartman; First Vice President, Mrs. Dorothy Cunningham; Second Vice President, Mrs. Helen Koerner; Treasurer, Mrs. Aline Walrath; Secretary, Mrs. Vivian Goodhart, 22 Atlas Avenue, Malverne Park, L. I., N. Y.

Champaign Becomes D.G.C.

Lee's Hi-Hat Champaign, outstanding Cream male who has graced several covers of CATS Magazine and who was All-American in 1952 and 1953 gained his Double Grand Championship by being Best Cat and Best Champion at the Mid-West Feline Fanciers All Breed CFF show held in Milwaukee, November 7th and 8th. He also was Second Best Cat in the Longhair Specialty, his owner Marie Wilson, writes us. Judges were Mrs. Ella Conroy and Miss Doris Hobbs.

Clam Chowder for Golden Gate Club

Thirty members and guests of the Golden Cate Cat Club, Inc., held a special business meeting Sunday, November 29 at which they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wedel and their daughter Jacqueline at a clam chowder feast in the Wedel's Sleepy Hollow home in San Anselmo, Calif.

Those present toured Fiddler's Green,

the Wedel's cattery, after the meeting, and enjoyed the clam chowder repast prepared in the Golden Gate version of "Coney Island" style, with all the traditional accompanying delicacies.

The meeting was addressed by the regional vice president of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Mrs. Dorothy Denning, regarding proposed changes in Show Ru'es and Cat Standards.

More Double Wins

Shows so far this year have displayed a concurrence in the opinions of All Breed and Specialty judges which is even more pronounced than in previous seasons. In the shows reported on pages 32 and 33 of this issue, for example, the following, in addition to Champagin's wins above, are reported. At the Dayton Cat Fanciers (CFA) Miss Lillian Magner's Seal Point female Ammon Ra's Taisho was Best Cat in both the All Breed under Mrs. C. F. Rotter and the Siamese Specialty judged by Anthony DeSantis; at the Rose City show (ACA) Wayside's Blue Legend, Blue male owned by Helen McManus, was Best in the All Breed under Floy McGill and in the Longhair Specialty under Dr. Fern Smith; Mrs. Phyllis Whitney's

Cream male Burque Lee's Creme de le Creme pulled another dual win at the Silvergate Feline Fantasy (ACA) All Breed judged by Ruth Fisher and under Christine Whittier in the Longhair Specialty; while at Buffalo Cat Fanciers (CFA) Anthony DeSantis had the pleasure of seeing his Craig's Taffy Apple of Longhill, another Cream male, go Best OS Cat and Best Novice under Mrs. Rotter in the All Breed and Best Cat and Best Novice in the Solid Color Specialty judged by Mrs. Walter Limpert. At Genesee Cat Fanciers CFA Show, Judge Frances Kosierowski chose Mr. DeSantis's Ch. Longhill's Treasure Chest, a Red Male, for her best cat in show and his Blue female Renown of Dunesk (Imp.) for her Best O.S. Cat: and Frances Herms in the Solid Color Specialty also picked these two Longhill cats for her Bests, naming Renown as Best Cat, and Treasure Chest for O.S.

Double wins of this kind, of course, give a tremendous boost to the All-Sectional and All-American chances of the cats who make them, but the season is still young enough so that no cats in any classification are far enough ahead to be

sure of the 1954 awards.



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PACIFIC CAT FANCIERS, (C.F.F.) at Los Angeles, California, Oct. 2 4and 25, 1953. ALL BREED: Judge—Miss Lucy Clingan. Best Cat—Dixi Land Potentaro of Anlitis, Mrs. Walker Johnston. Best Opp.—Lanny Leas of Stytand, Mrs. Gladys E. Weirich. Sh. Silver. Best Ch. Opp., Don Roberto of Beverly Serrano, Miss Lucile Laird, Sh. Silver. Best Ch. Opp., Don Roberto of Beverly Serrano, Miss Lucile Laird, Sh. Silver. Best Ch. Opp., Don Roberto of Beverly Serrano, Miss Lucile Laird, Sh. Silver. Best Foreign S. H. Darp.—Sun Dial's Misti Wun, Choc. m., Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Dial. Best B. P.—Dara's Som Phong, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Richard. Best B.P. Opp.—Mau Tien's Purr Ling, Mr. and Mrs. Le. F. Brinkworth. Best B.P. Opp.—Mau Tien's Purr Ling, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Brinkworth. Best S.P. Opp.—Ta Lee Ho's ojee, LeVona Wright. Best Choc.—Sun Dial's Misti Wun, R. and Mrs. D. W. Dial. Best Choc. Opp.—Pi Shwua Koon Tau Helen Beller. Best Kitten—Azulita Playmate, Mrs. Waler Johnston. (Blue LH.) Best Kitten Opp.—Mabars Madamoiselle, Muriel M. Morse. (Silver LH.) Best Foreign SH Kitten—Ta Lee Ho's See-Quinn, Elsie Quinn. (Aby.) Best Foreign SH Kitten—Ta Lee Ho's See-Quinn, Elsie Quinn. (Aby.) Best Foreign SH Kitten—Ta Lee Ho's See-Quinn, Elsie Quinn. (Aby.) Best Foreign SH Kitten—Tie Lee Ho's King Tira, Joanne L. Wilson. (Aby). Best Aby—El Rosario's Autumn, LaVona Wright. Best Aby. Opp.—Ta Lee Ho's Topper, Mr. M. E. Farmer. Best DSH—Blufash. Dr. Fern Smith. Best DSH Opp.—Bling's Patina, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Billig, Jr. Best Russian Blue—Opp.—Hoeller's Kabyson, Kathleen and Paul Hoeller. Best Russian Blue Opp.—Hoeller's Kabyson, Kathleen and Paul Hoeller. Best Burmes—Sweet Thing, Mrs. Mable Howard. Best Burmese Opp.—Mi Joe. Mrs. Mable Howard. Best Manx—Ledgemere Frolic of Sia-Man, Mrs. Ellen C. Straight. Best Manx Opp.—Senza Coda's Blak Magic, Dr. Fern Smith. Best Neuter—Casa Contenta Don Topaz, Bl.h. Mrs. Joan Arnold. Best Spay—Darlene, Sh. Sil, Evelyn J. Rissler. POPPY STATE, SH. SPEC.—Best Cat—Kabar's Carissa of Mrs. Alexander, SPF, MildredA lexande

Rissler. Best Mother and Kits—Kerry Lu Misty Chosen, Binks Morse. Judge—Ethel Garson.

PENN STATE CAT CLUB (CFF), Philadelphia, Pa., October 29-30, 1943. ALL BREED: Best Cat, Best Ch.—Imp. Ch. Moonbeam of Gayland's, Blue m., Verner E. Clum. Best OS Cat.—Kute Kit's Day Dream of Silverette, Sil. f., Mrs. M. J. Wilson. Best OS Ch.—Donna Arts Jazz Beau, Blk m., Mrs. Donna Wendel. Best Novice—Sari's Beau Geste, Sh. Sil. m., Pauline Filkins; OS—Hermscrest Tajette, Blk. f., Mrs. F. M. Herms. Best Kit.—Moonraker of Gayland's, Blue m., Verner E. Clum; OS—SilvaWytes Kadein Capers, OE Wh. f., R. H. Gebhardt. Best PSH—Vee Roi's Lovlai, SP f., Mrs. R. H. Hecht; OS—Cymri Chan-ee, SP m., Lillian E. Pedulla. Best DSH—Benmost Bore's Sheila, Sil. Tby f., Mrs. Frank W. Freudenthal; OS—Ginger, Rd Tby m., Mrs. Walter G. Scherrer. Best Burmese—Ch. Gerstdale's Rani of Regal, f., Mrs. Peggy Ball. Judge—Mrs. H. Earl Nack. CFF SOLID COLOR CLUB: Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Hermscrest Impy, Illk m., Mrs. F. M. Herms. Best OS Cat—Gayland's Foxburrow Fantasia, Blue f., Verner E. Clum. Best Nov.—Hermscrest Tajette, Blk. f., Mrs. F. M. Herms; OS—Nany's Dark Night, Blk m., Mrs. Lillian Wolfe. Best Kit—Moonraker of Gayland's, Blue m., Miss Clum; OS—Silva-Wytes Kadien Capers, OE Wh. f., Mr. Gebhardt. Best SH—Ellan Vannin's Cornellia of Miamanx, Blk. f. Mx., Mrs. Ralph E. Newton; OS—MarManx MarBeau of the Churches, Blue m., M. Cheider, Zah-Ock Clud.—Cobble Hill's Dignity's Son, Sil m., Mx., Pearl Dee Church. Judge—Mrs. Norah Andrews. NATIONAL TABBY AND TORTIE CLUB: Best Cat—Cobble Hill's Dignity's Son, Sil Tby m., Mrs. Charles Zeh; OS—Glad-Low's Barbara, BC, Mrs. Gladys Lowe. Best Ch.—Ch. Glad Low's Victory of Mol-Vron, Tortie, Mrs. Molly I. Brennan; OS, and Best Manx and Best OS SH—Ni-Dral's Mr. Gee Whiz of Pentagon, Sil. Tby Mx. m., Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Bayer. Best Nov.—Golden Marchita of Go-Seek-Us, BC, Jessie James Mayer and Capt. E. Mayer, Jr.; OS—Kitty Purrs Red Robin, Red Tby m., Jl. K. Farris and N. Fincel; OS—Nor-Mont Sylverkea of Ni-Dral, Sil Tby Sh f., Mrs. Harry Gauntt. Best Kit—Far Fin's Figero, Red Tby m., Jl. K. Farris and N. Fincel; OS—Nor-Mont Sylverkea of Ni-Dral, Sil Tby Sh f., Mrs. B. L. Attaway. Best SH—Benmost Bore's Sheila, Sil. Tby f. Mrs. Feudenthal. Judge—Mrs. Andrews. SIAMESE CAT BREEDERS GUILD: Best Cat—Vee Roi's Lovlai, SP f. Mrs. R. H. Hecht. Best Nov.—Astra's Vega, SP f. Agnes F. Rand. Best Kit—Regal Rockette, CP f., Peggy Ball. Best BP—Misselfore Echo of Sherwood, Imp., f., Florence S. Kanoffe. Best CP—Oneraile Brun Bonnee, Imp. m., Jane D. Stackhouse Best OS Cat, Best OS Nov.—Cymri Beau-Veau, BP m., Mrs. L. E. Pedulla. Best OS Cat, Best OS Nov.—Cymri Beau-Veau, BP m., Mrs. L. E. Pedulla. Best OS Roy.—Cymri Beau-Veau, BP m., Mrs. L. E. Pedulla. Best OS Roy.—Cymri Beau-Veau, BP m., Mrs. L. E. Pedulla. Best OS Roy.—Cymri Beau-Veau, BP m., Mrs. L. E. Pedulla.

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SACRAMENTO VALLEY CAT FANCIERS, INC., Sacramento, Calif., (CFA), October 17—18, 1953. ALL BREED: Best Cat—Burque-Lee's Creme De Le Creme, Cr. m., Mrs. Phyllis Whitney. Best OS Cat—Leilani's Liliuokalani, Blue f., Jack and Althea Wedel. Best Ch.—Ch. San-Dee Our Gal Sundy, Sil. Tby f., Mrs. Andrew J. Flynn; OS—Ch. Casa Gatos Abou O'Bograe, Aby m., Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Forrest. Best Nov.—Cresthaven Mr. Big of Prieta, Blue m., Mrs. Marion Beller; OS—Bluegate's Mistress Mary Too, B-C, Mrs. John Pinkston. Best Kir—Prieta's Lochinvar, Blue m., Mrs. Beller; OS—Prieta's Lochinvar, Blue m., Mrs. Beller; OS—Princess Phete, Sp f., Marion Williams. Best DSH—Burque Lee's Licorice Stick, Blk f., Mrs.

Whitney. Best Shorthair, Best FSH—Bograe's Ala Kahn, SP m., Mr. and Mrs. Forrest. Best Solid Color—Burque-Lee's Creme de le Creme. Best Silver—Hayward's Mr. Moonlight, Sh. Sil. m., Isabel Meader. Best T or T—Cheraton's Donna Del Rio, Tortie, Mrs. Helen Nelson. Best Manx—Dhu Lleo Calo of Truantail, Cr. m., Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Yearin, Jr. Best R.B.—Ch. Lamar's Nicholas, m., Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Yearin, Jr. Best R.B.—Ch. Lamar's Nicholas, m., Mr. and Mrs. Forrest. Best Burmese—Jadawh Julie's Pasha of Boren, m., Dr. and Mrs. Rorest. Best Burmese—Jadawh Julie's Pasha of Boren, m., Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Boren. Judge: Mrs. Helen Fairchild. SHORTHAIR SPECIALTY: Best Cat, Best Siamese—Sha Lin's Pra Ping Ti, SP m., Marion Williams. Best OS Cat—HRH Marin Princess Molynesia, SP I., Mrs. Spencer Smiley. Best Ch.—Ch. Casa Gatos Abou O'Bograe, Aby m., Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Forrest; OS—Ch. Tempurra's Truly Fair, CP F., Rickey Birkett. Best Novice—Proud Prince Keiang, BP m., Ira L. and Alice Fuller; OS—1 alacka, SP I., Don Wrade. Best Kit—Tempurra's Yours Truly, BP m., Bonnie and Dick Birkett; OS—Sha Lin's Princess Prabhassara, SP f., Mirian Williams. Best Aby—El Rosario's Autumn, f., LaVona Wright, owner. Judge: Ann Manley.

MID—WEST FELINE FANCIERS CAT CLUB (CFF), Milwaukee, Wisc., Nov. 7-8, 1953. ALL BREED: Best Cat, Best Ch.—Gr. and Tpl. Ch. Lee's Hi-Hat Champaign, Cr. m., Marie Wilson. Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch.—Stray's Ch. Ball O'Flame, Red f., Mrs. Archie Stray. Second Best Cat—Ch. Khybers Kalypso Jo of Longhill, Blue m., Mrrs. Stray; OS—Noel's Chickie, Cr. f., Helen Van Damme. Best Nov.—Fernwood's La Guardia II, Blue f., Mrs. O. Simble; OS and Best Aby—Maliki of Hermonie-Acre, Aby m., Mrs. Waldo A. Schulz. Best Kit—Noel's Easter Parade, Tortie f., Helen Van Damme. Judge: Miss Doris Hobbis. Hop Misser Chambail Aladdin, Cr. m., Mrs. John Bloem. Best Stray. Best Max—Ch. Best Dos Chambill Aladdin, Cr. m., Mrs. Pillen Misser Williams. Best Cat—Best Max—Chee Si Liebchen, SP f., Mrs. R. G. Wolfgang, SP m., Mrs. Robt. Wolfgang

coust's Red Star of Carousel, Red DSH m., Mrs. L. L. Lessard. Best Manx—Grey Lady of Gallus, Sil. Tby I., Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jamison. Judge: Miss Doris Hobbs.

DAYTON CAT FANCIERS' (CFA), Third Annual Ch. Cat Show, Dayton, Ohio, October 31 and November 1, 1953. ALL BREED: Best Cat, Best SH: Ammon Ra's Taisho, SP I., Lillian Magner. Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch.—Ch. Twinkling Star of Evergreen, BE Wh. m., Mrs. Earl Fleming, Best Ch.—Ch. Madieria's Cecelia of Nor-Mont, Blue I., Mrs. M. E. Hoag. Best Nov.—Blue Beetle Bear of Just-A-Mere, Blue m., Mrs. Eva Werner; OS—Spero's Qui Vive, Blk. I., Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Johnson. Best Kit—Nigrette's Renee of Nor-Mont, Blue I., Mrs. Hoag; OS—Syam Simbo of Blue Grass (Imp), SP m., Mrs. Lucas B. Combs. Best DSH—Gr. Ch. Nor-Mont's Angelique, BE Sh I., Mrs. Hoag. Best Aby—Regal Madura of Lan Yen, I., Mrs. Donald E. Warner. Judge: Mrs. C. F. Rotter. SOLID COLOR SPECIALTY: Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Nor-Mont's Sandman, Cr. m., Mrs. Merald Hoag. Best OS Cat. Best OS Ch.—Ch. Lee's Hi-Hat Cherie of Rosemont, Mrs. Frances Kosierowski. Best Nov.—Macca's Topeka, Red I., Mrs. Vernicc McCain; OS—Blue Beetle Bear of Just-A-Mere, Blue m., Mrs. Eva Werner. Best Kit—Shirrel's White Cavalier, BE Wh m., Mrs. Shirley Wells; OS—Nigrette's Renee of Nor-Mont, Blue I., Mrs. Hoag. Best DSH—Gr. Ch. Nor-Mont's Angelique; OS—Ch. McKnight Tar Baby, Blk. m., Mr. and Mrs. Perlie McKnight. Best FSH—Ellan Vannin's Monah of Dwende, Blk I. m., Mrs. Evertet L. Schaus. Judge: Anthony DeSantis. SIAMESE SPECIALTY: Best Cat.—Ammon Ra's Taisho, SP I., Lillian Magner; OS—Dalai Jakki, SP m., Virginia Lady, Best Ch.—Ch. Chindwin's Charm of Millbrook, SP I., Mrs. Loens Bambison, BP m., Mrs. Loombs; OS—Chocolate Fudge, CP I., Dr. J. S. Caldwell. Judge: Anthony DeSantis. SIAWESE SPECIALTY: Best Cat.—Ammon Ra's Taisho, SP I., Lillian Magner; OS—Ch. Coventry's Bambey Ling of Vanar, PB m., Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Van Riper. Best Nov.—Rockdene's Kannika, BP I., Mrs. Morsmen CS—Ch. Coventry's Bambey Ling of Vanar, PB m., Mr. and Mrs. L. S.

RUNLER: US—Springbrook's Huarmi, SH Sil f., Mrs. Kunkler. Judge: Mr. DeSantis.

ROSE CITY CAT CLUB (ACA) Ninth All Breed Ch. Cat Show, Portland, Oregon, Nov. 14-15, 1933. ALL BREED: Best Cat, Best Ch.—Wayside's Blue Legend, Blue m., Helen McManus. Best OS Cat—Klinkhammer's Angelette, GE Wh f., Mrs. Chris Klinkhammer. Reserve to Best Ch.—Ch. Tempurra's Truly Fair, CP f., Rick Birkett. Reserve to Best OS Cat—Ch. Knight's Sugar Plum, SP m., Knight's Kattery. Best Nov.—Rollywood Son-O-Mike, Sil m., Mrs. Helen C. Amos; OS—Kildare Silver Fantasy, Sil f., Jessie C. Barlow. Best Kit—Tempurra's Yours Truly, BP m., Bonnie and Dick Birkett; OS—Kildare Mitzi of Al-Jos, Sh Sil f., Mr, and Mrs. J. F. Denend. Best Russian Blue—Folly Freya, f., Mrs. P. J. Aaron. Best Burmese—Folly Saloha, f., Mrs. Aaron. Best Manx—Theodore of Marmanx, Blue m., Mrs. Margaret Putnam. Judge: Miss Floy McGill. LONGHAIR SPECIALTY: Best Cat, Best Ck.—Wyaside's Blue Legend, Blue m., Mrs. Mary Saret Putnam. Judge: Miss Floy McGill. LONGHAIR SPECIALTY: Best Cat, Rest Ck.—Wyaside's Blue Legend, Blue m., Helen McManus. Best OS Cat—Rio Casa's Ballerina, Sil. f., Irma Siegel. Best Nov.—Rollywood Son-O-Mike, Sil m., Mrs. Aanos. Royal's Blue Champ. Blue m., Helen McManus. Best OS Cat—Rio Casa's Ballerina, Sil. f., Irma Brown, Mrs. Kattery. Best Cat. Best Ch.—G. Ma Honey Azrah, BP f., Alta and Virginia Merriss, Best OS Cat—Ch. Knight's Sugar Plum, SP m., Knight's Kattery. Best Kitten—Tempurra's Yours Truly, BP m., Bonnie and Dick Birkett. Best Aby—Ch. Knight's Sugar Plum, SP m., Knight's Kattery. Best Kitten—Tempurra's Yours Truly, BP m., Bonnie Als., Mrs. Aaron. Best DSH—Putnam's Midnight Jet Felix, Blk m., Mrs. Aaron. Best DSH—Putnam's Midnight Jet Felix, Blk m., Mrs. Aaron. Best DSH—Putnam's Midnight Jet Felix, Blk m., Mrs. Aaron. Best DSH—Putnam's Midnight Jet Felix, Blk m., Mrs. Aaron. Best DSH—Putnam's Midnight Jet Felix, Blk m., Mrs. Aaron. Best DSH—Putnam's Midnight Jet Felix, Blk m., Mrs. Aaron. Best DSH—Putnam's Midnight Jet Felix, Blk m., Mrs. Aaro

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SILVERGATE CAT CLUB (ACA) FELINE FANTASY Second Annual Ch. Cat Show, San Diego, Calif. Nov. 14-15, 1953. ALL BREED: Best Cat. Best Ch.—Ch. Burque Lee's Creme de le Creme, r. m., Mrs. Phyllis S. Whitney. Best OS at, Best OS SH.—El Rosario's Autumn, Aby f. LaVona Wright. Second Best Cat, Best SH—Renee's Zaca of Kiva, Sil Tby m., Ada May Miles. Second Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch.—Ch. Lanny Lea's Favorite, BC, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Billig, Jr. Best Nov.—Palos Verdes Daystar, SP f., Capt. and Mrs. B. K. Culver; OS—Casa Gatos Mayee, Burmese m., Blanche Warren. Best Kit—Senza Coda's Sunne, Blk Mx m., Mrs. Virginia Lee Sweem and Mrs. Evelyn Clark; OS—Cresthayen Sunrose, Blue f., Mrs. Walter K. Johnston. Best Aby—El Rosario's Autumn. Best Burmese—Casa Gatos Tana, f., Mrs. Blanche Warren. Best RB—El Rosario's Sonia de Casa Gatos, f., Mrs. Walter R. Johnston. Best Aby—El Rosario's Sonia de Casa Gatos, f., Mrs. Warren. Best Siamese—Ch. Kuan Yin, BP f., Polly Jones. Best Manx—Ch. Dominic' Dhu Lleo, Brw Tloy m., Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Williams Judge: Mrs. Ruth Fisher. SHORTHAIR SPECIALTY: Best Cat, Best SFH—Dara's Som Phong, BP f., Jack and Dorothy Richard. Best OS, Best OS Ch., Best Mx.—Ch. Dominic Dhu Lleo, Bwn Tby m., Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Williams. Second Best Cat, Best Aby—Besver's Ramphis Zarana, f., Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Beaver. Second Best OS Cat—Ch. Lamar's Rocco, CP m., Polly Jones. Best Mx.—Ch. Dominic Dhu Lleo, Bwn Tby m., Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Kit—Kwan Yin's Cointreau, CP m., Adele and Bill Deeths, Gene and Jone Wilson. Best OS Nov.—Goforth's Feisty No End, Blk Mx m., J. F. Gosorth. Best OSH—Renee's Zaca of Kiva, Sil Tby m., Mrs. Miles. Judge: Mrs. Christine Whittier. LONGHAIR SPECIALTY: Best Cat, Rest Ch.—Ch. Burque Lee's Creme de le Creme, Cr. m., Mrs. Phyllis S. Whitney. Best OS Cat, Eest OS Ch.—Ch. Lanar Sir Richard, Sil m., Mrs. Willer, W. G. Hohinger. Best Nov.—Silver Mesa Sir Richard, Sil m., Mrs. Willer, W. G. Hohinger. Best Nov.—Silver Mesa Sir Richard, Sil m., Mrs. W. G. Hohinger. Best Nov.—Silver Mesa Sir Richard, Sil m.

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BUFFALO CAT FANCIERS, INC. (CFA) Seventh Annual Ch. Cat Show, Buffalo, N. Y., November 21-22, 1953. ALL BREED: Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Longhill's Treasure Chest, Red f., Anthony DeSantis. Best OS Cat, Best Nov.—Craig's Taffy Apple of Longhill. Cr. m., Anthony DeSantis. Best OS CSh.—Ch. Rollywood's Reioui of Rob-Mar, Sh. Sil. m., Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Martin. Best OS Nov.—Wu Tsin Soona, SP f., Lillian King. Best Kit—Leah D'Linwood, Blk f., Mrs. Julia White; OS—Selene's Jodi, Aby m., Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schuler. Best FSH—Chi Charoen Pada, SP f., Mrs. Gladise M. German. Best DSH—Bl-e Frost, Blue f., Miss Rae MacDonald. Best Aby—Caper Cat Idyllwild of Selene, f., Mr. and Mrs. Schuler. Best Max, Dandy Boy, Mkl Tby m., Mrs. E. G. Lusink. Best Burmese—Chocolate Cupcake Lion, f., Ele-nor Hamling. Judge: Mrs. C. F. Rotter. SOLID COLOR SPECIAL-TY: Best Cat, Best Nov.—Craig's Tafly Apple of Longhill. Cr. m., Mr. DeSyntis. Best OS Cat—Rosaile of Allington of Warwick Cottage, Blue f., Mr. and Mrs. John Warwick. Best Ch.—Ch. Longhill's Treasure Chest. Red f.; OS—Ch. Tommy Tucker of the Tower, Blue m., Mrs. Ethel Treen. Best OS Nov.—Lavender Jewel of Longhill. Blue f., Mr. DeSantis, Judge: Mrs. Walter E Limpert. SHORTHAIR SPECIALTY: Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Vanar's Ptola, BP f., Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Van Riper. Best OS Cat—Chira Sa-hai HolTai. SP m., Mrs. Gladise M. German. Best OS Cat—Chira Sa-hai HolTai. SP m., Mrs. Gladise M. German. Best OS Cat—Chira Sa-hai HolTai. SP m., Mrs. Gladise M. German. Best OS Cat—Chira Sa-hai HolTai. SP m., Mrs. Gladise M. German. Best OS Cat—Chira Sa-hai HolTai. SP m., Mrs. Mrs. Gladise M. German. Best Nov.—Selene's Jodi, Aby m., Mr. and Mrs. Schuler. Best DSH—Vanar's Melody. Best Aby—Caper Cat Idyllwild of Selene, f., Mr. and Mrs. Schuler. Best DSH—Vanar's Melody. Best Aby—Caper Cat Idyllwild of Selene, f., Mr. and Mrs. Schuler. Best Burmese—Chocolate Cup Cake Lion, f., Eleanor Hamling. Judge: Mrs. Limpert.

MILWAUKEE CAT CLUB, INC., (CFA) 13th Annual Cat Show, Milwaukee, Wisc., Nov. 21-22, 1953. Best Cat, Best Gr. Ch.—Ch. Rosegate's King Pin of Rosemont, Cr. m., Mrs. Frances Kosierowski. Best OS Cat, Best SH—Wallman's Princess Tee Kee, SP f., Mrs. Leone Rystedt. Best Ch.—Ch. Dixi-Land Rebel of Les Cygnes, BE Wh m., Mrs. Paul Swan; OS-Ch. Nor-Mont's Silver Petal, Chin f., Mrs. M. Hoag. Best Nov.-Shy's Castle Buzz, Cr. m., Mrs. Willard Shy; OS-Blu Acre Greta, Blue f., Mrs. Wanda Scott. Best Kit—Nigrette Azurea of Nor-Mont, Blue f., Mrs. M. Hoag; OS—Bloemhill Aladdin, Cr. m., Mrs. John Bloem. Best DSH—Ch. Samdur's Spice, Rd Tby f., Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Sample. Best Mtnx—Ch. Tyoh Der Captain, PC m., Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Webb II. Best Aby—Andasa Zuni of Wah-Ji, f. Best Spay—Bella Donna, BE II. Best Aby—Andasa Zuni of Wah-Ji, f. Best Spay—Bella Donna, BE. Wh. Mrs. John H. Sauer. Judge—Mrs. Marguerite Saxby-Mabie. CEN-TRALSTATES SOLID COLOR CLUB SPECIALTY. Best Cat. Best Ch.—Ch. Nor-Mont's Sandmin, Cr. m., Mrs. M. Hoag. Best OS Cat, Best CS Ch.—Ch. Lee's Hi-Hat Cherie of Rosemont, Cr. Mrs. Frances Kosierowski. Best Nov.—Blu Acre Greta, Blue I., Mrs. Wanda Scott; OS—Layton Fark Count Carlos, Blue I., Mrs. Wanda Scott; OS—Layton Fark Count Carlos, Blue I., Mrs. Wanda Scott; OS—Layton Fark Count Carlos, Blue I., Mrs. Martha Schmelter Best Kit—Beautiful Beluga Bear, OE Wh m., Mrs. John W. Sauer; OS—Nigrette Azurea of Nor-Mont, Blue I., Mrs. M. Hoag. Best DSH—White Pansy of Bur Mur Firm, BE Wh I., Mr. and Mrs. E. Burrel Finch. Bet Neuter—Sandy, Cr. Mrs. Margarer Puetz. Best Spay—Bella Donna McR.CAN TABBY Nathand Cr. Mrs. Margarer Puetz. Best Spay—Bella Donna McR.CAN TABBY Shown Charles Control of Ch.—Ch. Eastmoor Robin Marcon, Rd Tby m., Mrs. V. E. Peterson, Best Ch.—Ch. Shawnee Masquertde, Tortie, Mrs. Nikki Horner. Best Nov.—Layton Park Queen of Love, Tortie, Mrs. Nikki Horner. Best Nov.—Layton Park Queen of Love, Tortie, Mrs. Nikki Horner. Best Nov.—Layton Park Queen of Love, Tortie, Mrs. Nikki Horner. Best Nov.—Layton Park Queen of Love, Tortie, Mrs. William R. Schmelter. Best Kit—Coral Mist, BC, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Brown. Best OS Kit—Pusy Willow Benjamin, Red Tby m., Mrs. William R. Brown. Best DSH—Ch. Samdur's Spice, Rd Tby f., Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Sample, Judge—Mrs. Louise Reed.

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GENESEE CAT FANCIERS CLUB, INC., Fourth Annual Ch. Show at Rochester, N. Y., December 5-6, 1953. ALL BREED SHOW: Best Cat—Ch. Longhill's Treasure Chest, Red m., Anthony DeSantis. Best OS Cat—Renown of Dunesk (Imp.) Blue f., Anthony DeSantis. Best Champion—Ch. Longhill's Treasure Chest. Best OS Champion—Renown of Dunesk (Imp.). Blue f., Anthony DeSantis. Best Champion—Ch. Longhill's Treasure Chest. Best OS Champion—Renown of Dunesk (Imp.). Best Novice—Longhill's Rosemarie, B.C., Anthony DeSantis. Best OS. Novice—Moon Glo's Magnificent Jumbo, Bl In., Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Razey. Best Kitten—Calvert's Blue Cavalier Blue m., Mrs. Stella Calvert. Best OS. Kitten—Clunamon Blue, S.P., f., Dr. and Mrs. Waldo Burnett. Best Nottler—Fluffy, O.E., Wh., Mrs. J. Wacenske. Best H.H. Pet—George, Blue, Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Bayer. Best OS Dom. SH—Pentigon Rouge Rouge, Rd. T. m., Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Bayer. Best Sort Hair—Astra's Morris Amanda (Imp.) SP f., Agnes F. Rand. Best OS Short Hair—Imp. Raby Chuffa of Selene, Aby. m., Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schuler. Best OS Ciamese Champion—Ch. Chi-Charoen Pada SP, f., Gladise M. German. Best Ghampion—Ch. Chi-Charoen Pada SP, f., Gladise M. German. Best Manx—Ni-Dral's Mr. Gee Whiz of Pentagon, Sil. T. m., Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Bayer. Best Abyssinian—Caper Cat Idyllwild of Selene, f., Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schuler. Judge—Mrs. Frances Kosierowski. SOLID COLOR SPECIALTY: Best Cat, Best Ch.—Ch. Renown of Dunesk (Imp.), Blue m., Anthony DeSantis, Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch. Romown of Dunesk (Imp.), Blue m., Anthony DeSantis, Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch. Ch. Longhill's Treasure Chest, Best Nov.—Bancroft's Delight of Gallahad, BEW f., Mrs. Gladise M. German. Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch., Longhill's Treasure Chest, Best Nov.—Bancroft's Delight of Gallahad, BEW f., Mrs. Gladise M. German. Best OS Cat, Best OS Ch., Ch. Longeniil's Treasure Chest, Best Nov.—Judge Mrs. Frances Herms. SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY: Best Cat, Best

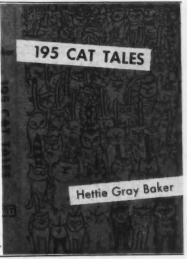


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# **Mews and Views from the West**

Wouldn't you know that the mention of a CAT show would throw the weather man's schedule into a tizzy. The FE LINE FANTASY, put on by the Silvergate Cat Club, on November 14-15 was a success, even though it rained and rained on Saturday. It was held in the beautiful Balboa Park in San Diego and in spite of the rain the gate was good and they came out all right.

I had never seen Ruth Fisher judge before and enjoyed her handling of the cats. One can tell she is a true Cat Fancier, and of course it was a thrill for me to have Ch. Renee's Zaca of Kiva, Domestic Short Haired Silver Tabby, receive the award of Best Short Hair in the All Breed show, and best cat in the Silver Division-as out here the Silvers really do abound.

Even though Mrs. Fisher was badly bitten on both hands, she went ahead with the judging like a trouper with a smile on her face, when I know she must have been suffering from those bites.

Mrs. Christine Whittier judged the Long and Short Hair Specialties. I am glad to see that both judges concurred on Best Cat-which was Ch. Burque Lee's Creme de la Creme-a fine Cream fellow, and shown in beautiful condition by his owner Mrs. Phyllis Whitney. Best Cat in the Short Hair Specialty was Dara's Som Phong, Blue Point female owned by Jack and Dorothy Richard.

I thoroughly enjoyed the show-had real fun; thanks to Jack Richard (show manager) and the rest of the gang who helped him put on the show.

I noticed some most attractive trophies there which were designed and modeled by Marguerita Goforth. They are being put on the market for the Fancy by Dodge, Inc. of Los Angeles, I think all clubs would be interested in these adorable trophies, and thank goodness we have someone in the Fancy as artistic as Marguerita Goforth-who also is one of my favorite Judges.

I was most happy to again see Mrs. James Mood, recorder of CFA. In talking with her she mentioned she would so apreciate the breeders-exhibitors, when c'aiming championship, to be sure to write the name of the Specialty Show or All Breed, date of the show and the Judge's name-of course giving the name of the cat, registered number, color and sex. Please also give the name of the Club sponsoring the Specialty. All these thirgs are important and can expedite the issuing of your championship certificates.

And what a thrill it was for me to have sitting on my lap, while being driven home from the Silvergate show by Jo Richardson, Petite Blue Bear of Majo, a fabulous Blue Persian female kitten purchased for Margaret Sonneman. Petty-Pu (her pet name) is out of Ch. June Rose Bear of Dunesk (IMP) bred by Mrs. T. R. James.

Again the weather "acted" up for the

West Shore Cat Club show held in Pomona on December 5-6. Bur-r-r-r it was cold. The show was held in one of the buildings at the Fair Grounds-and the show committee were told that two heaters would warm the building, so they had FOUR, but still it was cold. The cages in which the Short Hairs were benched were completely covered with blankets for the first day. It finally warmed up on Sunday afternoon. Colds and sniffles were rampant among the exhibitors, including myself; however, I believe the cats stood it better than the exhibitors.

I believe this show was one of the largest shows put on by a single club, and certainly represented a lot of hard work on the part of the Show Committee. Mrs. Ralph T. Mabie, President of CFA, judged the All Breed show, and was through judging at ten P.M.; but I do think the aid of her capable steward, Mr. Norton Stauffer, made it possible.

The Silver Specialty was sponsored by the American Silver Fanciers, and was judged by one of my favorites-Miss Kay Thoma, of Lakeside, Ohio. She also judged the Solid Color Specia! ty show, and even though she did not get started until 1:30 P.M. Saturday she was finished at 10:30 Sunday night. This is the land of SILVERS so the breeders were most happy to have a judge who knows and breeds the finest silvers.

The Short Hair Specialty had a large entry and was judged by Mrs. L. D. Sample of Anoka, Minnesota-and Mrs. Sample told me later how very much she appreciated the help of Ken Bartlett, her steward. Mrs. Sample handles her cats beautifully, and makes informative remarks after the decisions for the benefit of the breeders, as did Kay Thoma. Mrs. Sample left here the proud owner of a new Afghan hound, and Mrs. C. F. Rotter, who accompanied her, went home with a fine Black boy -Bleue B'Cardy of Briargate, which she purchased from Mrs. Frances Campbell.

It was nice to see our northern breeders again-Mrs. Mildred Joseph, Mrs. Marie L. Rania, Mrs. Margaret Ready; also Mrs. Robert Hare of Paradise, California. I was most happy to make her acquaintance since she is the owner of Dbl. Ch. Kiva's Kachina Doll. I noticed one of her kittens from this queen and Ch. Charmente of Purr-Mew (Best Cat in Silver Specialty) was best opposite Chinchilla kitten.

Also noticed Mr. and Mrs. E. W Peterson had some beautiful Silvers sired by Imp. Fanfare of Allington x Charisse of Beverly-Serrano.

Mrs. Spencer Smiley of San Rafael, California, finding her Short Hairs very cold resorted to a FEW DROPS of Brandy in their milk, and also rubbed brandy in the coats, which is a trick I (Continued on page 35)

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to traits governed by more than a single pair of factors. A Siamese cross to a LH would result in a SH litter. Quite correctly then the SH can be called dominant. "Dominant', however, is being overworked in this instance. If two hybrids of this litter were crossed, the resulting litter would contain kits with coats of varying lengths; there is more than a single set of factors involved in hair length. Hair length then must be governed by multiple factors.

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# MEWS & VIEWS

know English breeders do after a show -in fact I was informed they used Scotch Whiskey to rub in their coats. We live and learn don't we?

A letter from Miss Maud Lantry reached me at the show bearing the sad news that Mrs. Earl Nack passed away recently in the show room. She will be missed very much and remembered for her radiant personality and great love of

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### ENGLISH CATS (from page 5) ing me in unmistakable cat language to

let him into the flat.

He made one more attempt before giving up. This time he climbed up on the fire escape and entered the kitchen of our flat from an open window. A piercing scream from my landlady of, "That cat! That cat!" brought me to the scene just in time to see Tommy making a hasty exit down the fire escape. He

did not try to visit me again. At the "Other American Embassy" the one on Berkley Square where our Ambassador to the various Governments in Exile had his office, I met another cat. This ore was large and sleek, jet black in color without a single white hair on him. He had large green eyes that slanted like an Oriental's. He also had an imperious manner as befitting a cat that hobnobbed with diplomats. Sometimes he sat statuesque in the Embassy doorway. Sometimes he appeared, walking leisurely and gracefully in the hall, when one entered. At times he would condescend to accept a pat, but he was generally aloof, brooked no familiarities, and demanded that strangers keep their distance. He had a rather sinister look, as though he knew a great deal about official intrigue and might even be mixed up in some himself. For this reason, and because it seemed to fit him, I called him "Mephistopheles".

A much friendlier cat resided at or close by a little church near Grosvenor Square and South Street. At the rear, the church opened on a tiny park where many Mayfair cats and dogs took their outings. When I went through this miniature park, as I frequently did, I always

English history tells of one famous cat who reversed the roles told in this story. This cat fed and kept alive a human in his time of trouble. Sir Henry Wyatt was thrown into the Tower of London by Richard III. He was tortured and kept in an icy cell deep underground with little food and no warm clothing. One day a stray cat came through the bars of a little window high up on the wall of his cell. He made friends witth her, and she warmed him with her fur as he shivered and starved on the damp stone floor of the torture chamber. One day she left him and came back with a pigeon she had caught for him to eat. He persuaded his jailer to cook it for him, and thereafter the cat brought him a pigeon every day. Thus he was able to stay alive until the man he had supported against Richard for the throne of England became Henry VII. King Henry released his old supporter at once and made him Privy Councillor. And for the rest of his life Sir Henry and his faithful cat lived in luxury in Allington Castle, one of the finest castles in Kent. And whenever Sir Henry Wyatt had his portrait painted in his robes of state, his cat was always painted in the portrait with him. These portraits may still be seen in the picture galleries of England.

saw this cat sitting by the path that led from the church. And the parishioners, as they came from mass or Sunday service, would stop to speak to him or pat his head. He was a ministerial looking cat, his coat all black, his collar and cuffs snowy white. His manner was distinctly benevolent. He accepted with grave dignity the homage paid him. From his plump appearance I felt certain that he received much more substantial gifts than the pleasant words and pats I saw bestowed upon him, Because of his garb and his surroundings and because of his dignified bearing, I called him "The Reverend".

He lost his dignity, however, on one occasion. That was when a naughty little Scottie chased him. I came to his rescue and restrained the Scottie until "The Reverend" was safely up a tree. Then I gave the Scottie a sound lecture on the proper behavior of dogs towards cats. At least, it seemed sound to me. I fear, however, that he did not profit by it; for as his mistress caught up with him and attached his leash, he gave me a dirty look before he turned and trotted off with her.

Where are they now, I wonder-the Ministerial Puss, Mephistopheles, Tommy of the shy disposition, my friend, Yellow Jacket, and all the others? It is six years now since I returned from London. And six years is a long time in the life of a cat. Some no doubt have passed on to the happy hunting ground of felines. Others, even those who were mere kittens at the time of the Battle of Britain, are now sedate and elderly greymalkins who doze contentedly beside their peaceful firesides, forgetting the hectic days of their youth.

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# **Quotes from the Shows**

by Billie Bancroft

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From The Long Island Breeders Club Show,
Garden City, Long Island,
November 10th and 11th
This Show was beautifully managed, each
of the Judges really had some close decisions
to make. I clerked for the Siamese Judge,
Mrs. Doris O'Connell. I cannot fault her in
anything she did with the Siamese, very
definitely she is good. We had one Siamese
in this Show that is absolutely the best I
have seen, I refer to Pomonock's Rascal Pei
king. Judge O'Connell unhesitatingly gave
him tops. There is quite a story regarding
this boy, his breeder-owner. (Mrs. Julia
Kohlus), suffered a serious accident just before the Show, and only a few days earlier,
had lost the queen-mother of this boy in the
flood that swept her locality. A friend came
to her rescue and brought The Rascal to
our show. All he did was sweep the boards
in his class, and I'm so happy that Mrs.
Kohlus won, especially under the circumstances.
—Nordh Andrews. President of C. F. F.

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Norah Andrews, President of C. F. F. (Before Rascal Pei King went before either Judge—bids were made for him)

Truly the Millinium has arrived, some one wants to know what the breeder thinks. I have no entries here, I am with my sisterial was not been as in Canada and we have some very line shows up here, we are very proud of our Shows too. I'd like to see that Siamese judge do one of our shows, I think she is good. Mr. Zieses is no stranger to us, we rank him tops. I never miss a chance to show under him if I possibly can make it. All my stock are Siamese and you do have some good Siamese here. Having Zieses for All-Breed insures a gate in itself. He has a following no other Judge seem to have.

—Janet Ambruson, Toronto, Canada

—Janet Ambruson, Toronto, Canada
This is the first time I've been on Long
Island, I like the place, I like the people
and I adore the cats. Where are Mrs. Wilkinson and Doris Hobbs, I though I'd at least
see them here. I've heard a lot about Judge
Zieses. I don't mind telling you that I've
been instructed by my Club to look him
over. We have been hearing some very good
things about him. As for your Siamese Judge,
Mrs. O'Connell, I fully agreed with her in
the Siamese decisions but not with the Abys.
I own two Abys. However, I did appreciate
her decisions on the Manx. I also have some
of these cats. It is rather hard to believe she
is a Novice Judge because she made some
split-hair valuations that had all the earmarks of long practice in judging.

—Mrs. Laura LeVine, Houston, Texas
I'm from Connective.

—Mrs. Laura Levine, Houston, Texas
I'm from Connecticut, I attended the Penn
State Show in Philadelphia and stayed over
to attend this one. I have no entries here
but I am interested in collecting some stock
for my Cattery, I'm just a beginner, I believe you breeders call me a Novice. I was
surprised that there were not too many Persians at Penn State. I notice there are more
here. I've had my eye on a couple of Silver
Clum's Blue male, Moonbeam. Also, there
breeders for several years, today I've seen
their stock, I'm very impressed with Verner
is a Blue lemale here that I like, Blue Diamond she is called. I'm going to look up
the owner, Mrs. Koerner.
—Elizabeth Ann Guillord, Manchester, Conn.

You are asking ME for a comment!!! Well, there is a chance I just might be a bit biased. You of course know that I'm PRESIDENT of this grand gang of workers (?) The Long Island Breeders Show Committee tried very hard to give the exhibitors the kind of a Show best for them. Our Judges were both new to this area, our clerks were selected because they had no cats up at the time. Our rules are strict—but we hope the exhibitors realized it was planned to benefit them.

-Christine Albert Hartman, Rockville Centre, L. I.

Rockville Centre, L. I.

Four 'teen-age gentlemen—seemed intensely interested. I walked up to them and askd their reactions to the Siamese judging they were watching, Go-way one of them muttered, we are wammies—I must have looked startled because a high school girl laughed and explained to me what a 'Whammy happens to be. You've heard of Four-leaf-Clovers—Rabbit's Foot and things like that-she asked? I had to admit I knew what she was talking about. 'Well, a 'Wammie' is the same thing.' One of the boys' Best girl has a Seal Point up, and they are wamming it to be first, but I too have a cat up, and I am doing a counter-wammie. I'll show that' o'l Fearsome-Foursome just how good their wammie is! One of those guys decided he

liked the Judge quite a bit until his buddie pointed out her husband who has all the ear-marks of a football perfectionist, he sud-denly lost interest! Don't go, stick around see how my counter-wammie works

Oh sure, I think this is the best show Long Island ever put on—I've been to all of them—and I know all of them—we are very lucky in having two Judges that do not know us—or our cats, yes sir-e!'—(Name withheld by request). A breeder from Long Island—and a member of most of the Clubs).

The Long Island Breeders Cat Club is decidedly the best show I have ever attended in the East, and I've been to all of them. The Show room has been kept cleam. The Ladies Room has been immaculate. Every way. There has been no complaining from the chronic complainers, no grouching about the Judges or the judging, which in itself is astonishing. To me it has really been tops. I do not think amyone, visitor or exhibitor, can say different. We should always have Judges who do not know our stock in that way we will reach perfection in sportsmanship which most of us want to dy. All Shaws should be looked upon as a sporting event and treated as such. —and treated as such.
—Mrs. Walter Scherrer, Newark, New Jersey

What do I think of the Show? Well, I'm the wrong person to ask if you want a good publicity answer. I do not like the decision Judge O'Connell made with the Abys—come look at my Aby baby—now come see who won? What do you think? and I understand she breeds Abyssinians tool

—Name withheld by request

The clerks and stewards were on their toes for every emergency, smartly dressed, balooney-flaied smocks that tends to r the wearers of such garm ats appear

for every emergency, balooney-flaied smocks that tends to make the wearers of such garm ats appear enceinte.

My personal reaction to the Show was that it was good. Very little requiring, hardly any fault-finding, absolutely no feudal remarks regarding any other Association or Federation. There were breeders and exhibitors from all three present. They were the high-brass from CFA and ACA at this CFF Show, both Judges and officials. I was the luncheon-quest of Judge Zieses though often interrupted, we had a very interesting conversation. I like this man. I wish we had more like him. I have every reason to believe he is a Crusader and a perfectionist in judging, I notice he is sure of his decisions, he had some weird problems but solved them unhesitatingly. No changed ribbons for this Judge. I believe I'd rather go down under a Judge like Zieses than win under some of our flagrant politicos who pass as judges. Not one but many of the breeders say they will follow his trail at the Shows this year.

—Bille Bancroft

CAT TAILS (from page 30)
Mayer, Mertztown, Pennsylvania. found her utterly charming and what a lot of energy bundled up in that dynamic little person's personality!

Another instance was called to my attention in the Penn State Cat Club catalogue. A black neuter, owned by Mrs. Mickey Cornell (are there many who are unaquainted with Mickey Cornell?) Some breeder came to me and said 'Mickey is selling Inky-!! This I could not believe. I happen to know how much Mickey thinks of that black boy who is thirteen years old, and usually wears a diamond collar-well, it looks to me like diamonds-it shines! My reply was quick and very much to the point, "No sir, you can't fool me, I KNOW Mickey would rever sell Inky!" Well, my friend replied, "Look-here is the catalogue," and I readfi quote, "Inky Cornell, March 2, 1940. Owner, Mrs. Mickey Cornell. For Sale \$1,000,000.00."

MRS. H. EARL NACE



On the first day of December, at the Garden State Show, Mrs. H. Earl Nack, a top-bracket Judge in the Cat Fanciers Federation, was called to appear before the Highest Judge of mankind. Sitting before the bench of the English Judge, Mrs. Anna Vize, she suddenly crumpled to the floor. She was gone in a matter of a very few minutes. A shadow of grief enveloped the room. Judge Nack was a much loved person, not only in her own Federation and home Club, (Penn State Cat Club, Philadelphia of which she was president) but of all America. While not aged in years she had been a breeder for a long, long time and had served her time well. She was an import-export breeder, sending only the very best stock to Europe and in return was exceedingly well pleased with what was sent over here for her own Cattery—(Kute Kit), Willow Grove, Pennsylvania. (A very short distance from Philadelphia). Judge Nack was rated as an International Judge and had covered America, judging at the many and various Clubs that were affiliated with her Federation. She was part of the official staff of CFF. (Second Vice President) and was an authority of Vice President) and was an authority of high measure on Silvers and Chinchillas. She was regarded in The Fancy, as a Judges' Judge—tops in her particular capacity in anything she did. It is hard to think Judge Nack is gone. She will be remembered always as one of the colorful personalities of her time, possessing a delightful sense of humor that gathered The Fancy to her where ever she happened to be. Going into a Show room if you heard a ripule of laughter. room, if you heard a ripple of laughter, later ending in a climax of hilarious mirth, you would find Judge Nack sitting in the midst of the merriment—usual'y with an expression of mild surprise that her narrative had evoked such vivacious

gaiety.

She was an astute student of Federation politics and possessed an unbelieveable capacity of understanding 'situations' that were always cropping up in any legislative sections of The Fancy. She was considered a resourceful tactician and a good person to have help one in case of a misunderstanding. Judge Nack was a leader with a large following. At the last meeting of the Penn State Club, although she told the members that she atthough she told the members that she very definitely would not accept the presidency for 1954, they refused to listen. It is possible that she had a premonition that she would not be with them in '54. One of the members of Penn State said to me the day she passed over, "We think of Nackie as not dead but rather that she has departed—not from life, but rather from one home to another." Another friend stated that she had the quality described as encyclopedic. The person who said this probably felt what he was saying, but I will always think of Nackie as gay, gallant and like-

able and I feel that she knew she was slated to be called at any time. I do know she was fatigued with life and perhaps lived each day as if it were her last, so that when the command came from our Supreme Judge, no matter when or where, she was ready. Perhaps she considered this crossing over an adventure—a big adventure. I do know she was a canny philosopher, mentally dexterous—and past mistress of dehydrated wit. All the panoply of high protocol handed out by officers of a Show did not impress Judge Nack even a little Lit. She had a valuable, inflexible sort of flexiblity that served her well, being a weman of exceptionally strong character with a passion for confident authority in her decisions as a Judge. In talking to her you would find that she did not use the clinche, the platitude and the bromide so often exercised by people high in standing of her associates.

We all feel that death has so many doors and that perhaps Nackie was given a way out that would have pleased her best. Never so long as I have known her have I ever heard her mention at time a fear of what the future might hold. We all feel that she understood that her passing would not bring ex-tinction—only a change of place. I be-lieve that she could have quoted Seneca with authority — had she bothered to think. 'Pompa mortis magis terret quam mors ipsa',—The sleep of death alarms us more than death itself.

Her conversation was spiked with pithy poignance, yet there were times when she was quite formal and pleasantly remote. I do know she valued her high position as a judge. Her personality will long be remembered—colorful—is hardly the word to use but it probably is as descriptive as any. She was blessed in many ways—blessed by sincere friendships. She always gave a person she was last talking with that feeling of importance that they are a very important person. Always—but always—Nackie was a builder-upper, her smile of appreciation was a trade-mark of her personality. There were times when she allowed a penchant for picturesque language to filter into her conversation—these were rare times with Nackie. There were others when one thought of witchery— as she gathered her friends about her. She has had a long and wonderful odyssey through The Farcy, she might well be called the Don Quixote of her Federation, banging her head against all sorts of fixed rules and regulations— then coming up with a clear and under-standing explanation of when and why!

Nackie is gone —there will never be another to take her place. May t'ere be rest and peace in the city of Surcease

for her. I do not believe she would want us to grieve—just to remember her. This one event that has happened to Nackie will happen to us all, so why fear it. I do not believe that Nackie feared crossing over-I feel that she knew it was path that must be trod if she should ever pass to God. Good bye, Nackie— good bye—your friends are grieving but we know you had a rendezvous with death—at some disputed barricade. Submitted by Billie Bancroft

The Cat Fanciers Federation expresses deep shock and profound sorrow at the sudden passing on Dec. 1st of Mrs. H. Earl Nack of Willow Grove, Pa., one of its beloved judges and member. We extend heartfelt sympathy and condolence to the bereaved family.

Lillie M. Wilkinson (Mrs. Ralph A.) Secretary, Cat Fanciers Federation

HELEN DOW WHITAKER

The Pacific Northwest and the Fancy sustained another severe loss. December seventh, with the passing of Mrs. W. K. (Helen Dow) Whitaker, Wayside Blue Persians, Kent, Washington. Mrs. Whitaker graduated from the

University of Chicago, cum laude, in 1897 and went into teaching and writing. She was married in 1912 and to Mr. Whitaker, we, in the Fancy, extend our heart-felt sympathy.

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Submitted by Miss Jessie C. Barlow Steilacoom, Washington



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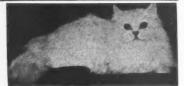
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### TAMING A JAVANESE WILDCAT By Mrs. J. A. Schuurman

When Indonesian friends told us that there was a wild kitten in their landlord's barn and that it would eat, we made it plain that we would not mind trying our hand at bringing that kitten up. Our remark was apparently conveyed to the proper quarter, for not much time elapsed before a wee spotted tom arrived that twittered like a sparrow.

In our back yard we have a guest room for cats, being a packing case provided with windows and a door. Into this case the kitten went.

At first it had a lot to say, but it gradually became accustomed, chirped less and took food. Shortly afterwards it was allowed to room about freely.

But what kind of an animal had we got? It was introduced as Kuching hutan, meaning forest cat. So we called it Boskat, the Dutch equivalent. We later read in encyclopedias that the real bush cat is the Serval, which is easily tamed, whereas our guest, Felis bengalensis, the leopard cat, is a savage creature. A book on Animal Life in Indonesia also states that Felis bengalensis cannot be tamed or kept around the house, as it is arboreal.

Our little tom had a yellow grey coat with dark spots; but on its head and neck it had stripes. The eyes were leaf green, close together and high in the head. The tail was blunt and not very long. The ears were shorter than those of the domestic cat, and so were the legs. Therefore when Boskat walked he looked a little more like a rat than an ordinary kitten does.

Boskat was not afraid of other cats, not even when they growled. Soon enough our Siamese queen, Gamine, who had a litter, adopted Boskat as one of her offspring; and the little wild animal could be seen lying amidst the young Siamese, enjoying the mother milk.

Moreover, Boskat enjoyed human company. When we had guests, he would appear and take his place under my desk, He did not mind being handled and

shown off. He was as light as a feather. His main food was raw meat with a little rice. Milk he loved too. Fish he would eat, but without any enthusiasm.

Boskat did not share the cleanly ways of domestic cats in scraping together sand or earth as a covering layer upon certain occasions.

He never climbed any trees. At night he slept outside on a mat.

And what about that reputed viciousness? In one particular respect this was present indeed. As soon as one took some raw meat into one's hand in Boskat's presence, he would jump at it and bite, no matter whether his sharp teeth were sunk into the meat or into a finger. And let not anybody try to take meat away from his kind of animal; a more active and efficient fury than an angry leopard cat cannot be imagined.

After 3 months Boskat was twice the

size he was when he arrived. Once it happened that Gamine was lying quietly in the bed room when I brought Boskat in. Suddenly he bit Gamine in the ear and Gamine took him by the scruff of the neck. So he was ejected from the room, That afternoon Gamine showed every sign of an impending confinement. We then admitted Boskat were peacefully sitting together in the maternity home (a cardboard box). All at once Boskat came running out, with a young Siamese in his mouth, which was still wet and therefore must just have been born. We returned it to the mother and locked Boskat in the packing case, although we were not angry at him, for there is a widespread story that toms will capture kittens and sometimes kill them. There are similar stories about male pigs and other animals. Apparently in this case the kitten had been hurt, for after 2 days it died.

Boskat stayed with us some time longer. Then one evening he jumped out of the window and went into the garden. That night he was not sleeping on his mat. We never saw him again.

Greatly did we regret his disappearance. He was a lovable animal to which we had become much attached.

A little later we were told that there was a leopard cat at the house of the R. family. We went there at once and heard that it might have dropped from a tree; anyway it had come in from the garden. A bottomless cage had been placed over it and around that cage lay the children, the dogs and the family cats. So we quickly took this leopard cat away. It was not our old Boskat. This second animal was afraid and wild; it objected to being picked up, and it certainly was older than Boskat. Ten days elapsed before it was allowed to run around. Then it too would come into the room when we had company. It would jump onto the dining table and run off with a silver napkin ring, which it would hide or lose in the garden. It stayed with us for 3 months. Then it also disappeared in the

Now if we ever have the good luck to get a Boskat again, it will have to spend its nights in the packing case and it will be kept away from young kittens.

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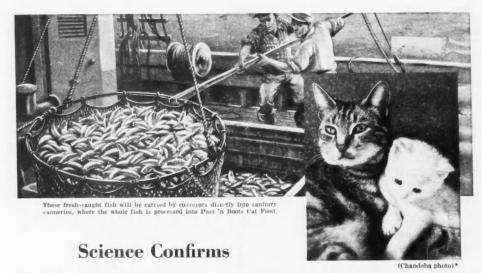
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